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SAGA
WARS**

DON'T...
DIE.

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Spawn fights his way through the bowels of Hell on his quest to find Wanda. When he finally finds her, after battling Satan himself, a deal is presented. Now the choice is laid before Spawn - his symbiotic suit in exchange for Wanda. Will Spawn accept this new deal?



I DON'T
BELIEVE
YOU.

YOU CAME
WITH A PURPOSE--
TO GET YOUR WIFE
BACK. SO STOP
YOUR CHARADE
AND TAKE HER!

SURRENDER
THE COSTUME
YOU WEAR AND
SHE'S YOURS,
UNHARMED. IF NOT,
YOU KNOW WHAT
COMES NEXT.

I
DO.

AND I'M
PREPARED
FOR THAT.

BUT LET ME
MAKE MY OWN THREAT.
RELEASE MY WIFE NOW,
THEN WALK AWAY FROM
HERE. BECAUSE YOU'VE
MADE A GRAVE MISTAKE--
I'M ALREADY DEAD. THERE'S
NOTHING LEFT TO FEAR
ANYMORE.

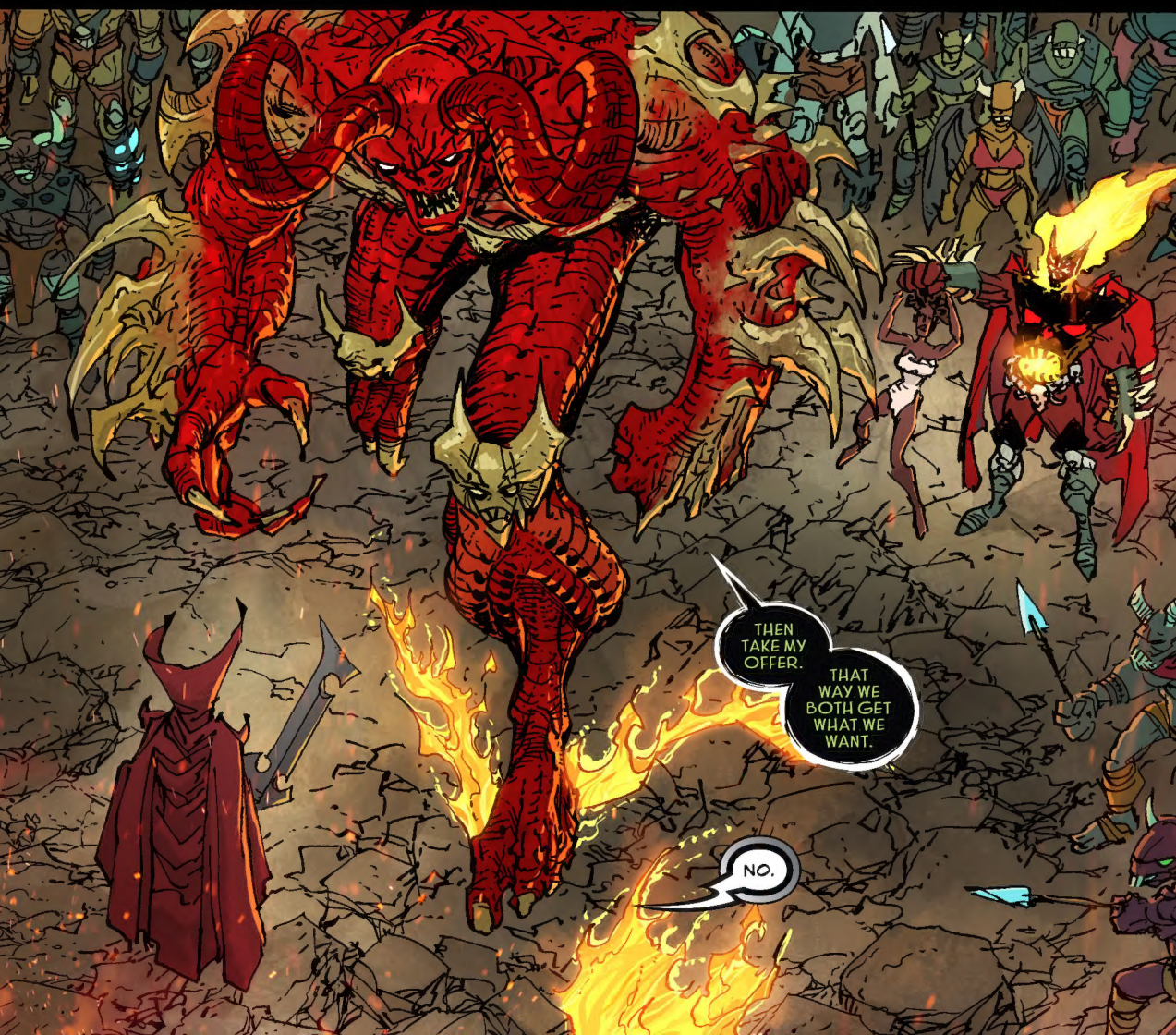


AL!...
DON'T DO IT!
I BEG YOU!
JUST GO! JUST
LEAVE.



NO.

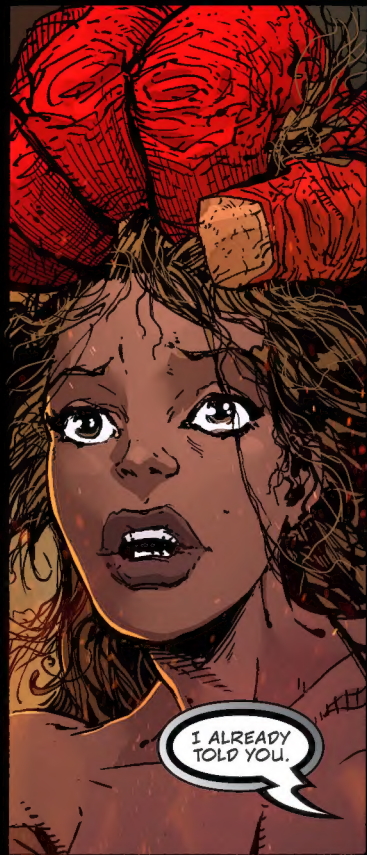
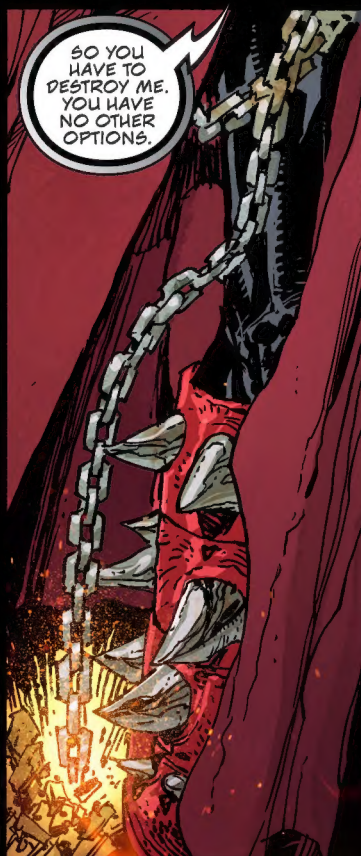
NOT
WITHOUT
YOU.




THEN
TAKE MY
OFFER.

THAT
WAY WE
BOTH GET
WHAT WE
WANT.

NO.





WITH EVERY OUNCE OF ENERGY SPAWN HAS WITHIN HIM--HE UNLEASHES IT! HIS TALKING WAS MERELY A DELAY TACTIC WHILE HE GATHERED HIS POWERS INTO THIS SINGLE MOMENT OF ACTION. IT WON'T KILL SATAN, EVEN AT HIS NOW SMALLER SIZE. BUT THAT WASN'T THE SPAWN'S INTENT.

I WANT HER
NOW!

HE NEEDED A BRIEF DISTRACTION, ONE THAT MIGHT ONLY LAST FOR A SECOND OR TWO, SO HIS TIMING HAD TO BE PERFECT!

AND THOSE TWO SECONDS
NEEDED TO ACCOMPLISH SO
MUCH... BECAUSE HER SOUL
DEPENDS ON IT.

WHAT'RE
YOU
DOING?

SHINK

SHE WANTED
SPAWN TO LEAVE.
INSTEAD HE HAS
ENGAGED THE
GREATEST
ENEMY MANKIND
HAS EVER
KNOWN.

TRYING
TO SAVE
US.

SO, IF THERE'S ANY
HOPE HE'LL SURVIVE
THIS BATTLE--THIS
WAR-- HE NEEDS TO
BUY HIMSELF MORE
TIME. THOUGH SATAN
HAS BEEN HESITANT
TO DESTROY AL
BECAUSE OF THE
DAMAGE IT MIGHT
CAUSE TO THE COS-
TUME THAT HELL SO
VERY MUCH COVETS...

... SPAWN KNOWS
THAT IT WON'T
LAST. HE NEEDS
TO DISAPPEAR.

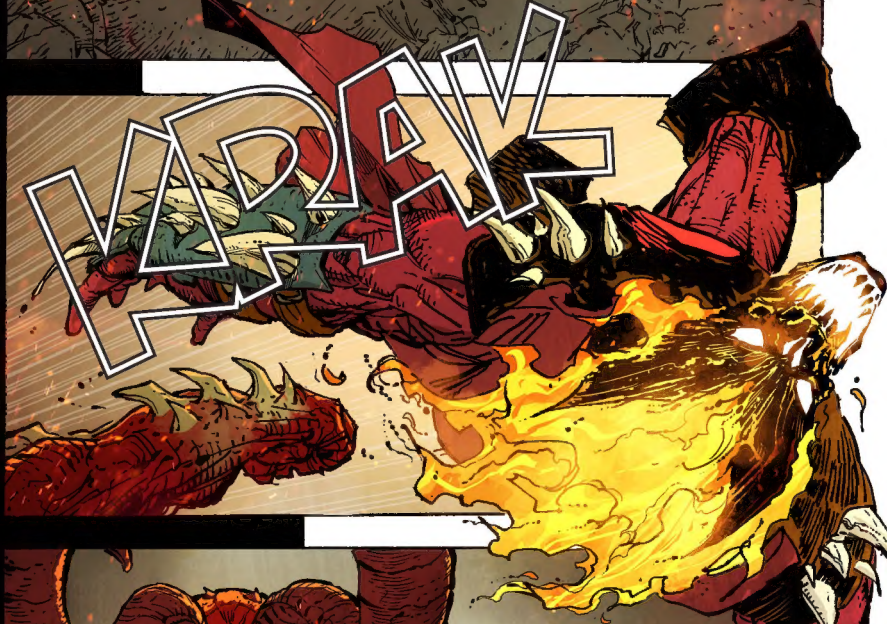


THEY'RE
STILL HERE.
HIDING.
I FEEL IT.



HELLION!

YES,
MY LORD.



YOU WERE
TO GUARD THAT
WOMAN. SHE IS
THE KEY TO ALL
THIS.



FIND HER.
AND BRING
HER BACK. THE
SPAWN WILL
FOLLOW.

ELSEWHERE.

WANDA...

YOU
ALRIGHT?

KOFF

KOFF

KOFF

AL...?

YOU'VE
BEEN HIT...
YOU'RE
HURT!

THAT
BLAST...
YOU DIDN'T
ESCAPE IN
TIME.

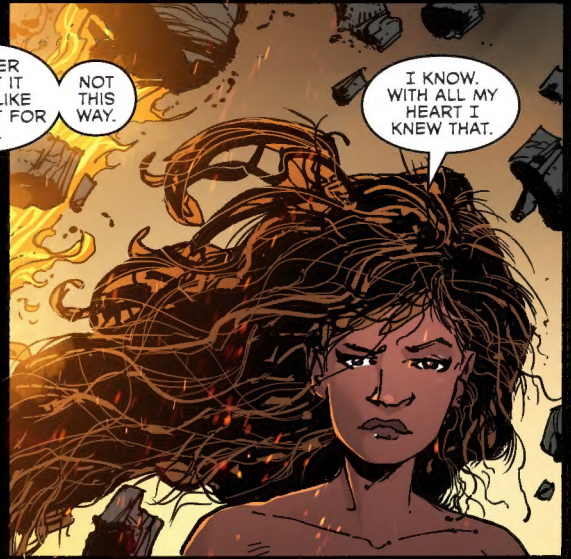
I'M...

SORRY...

WANDA.

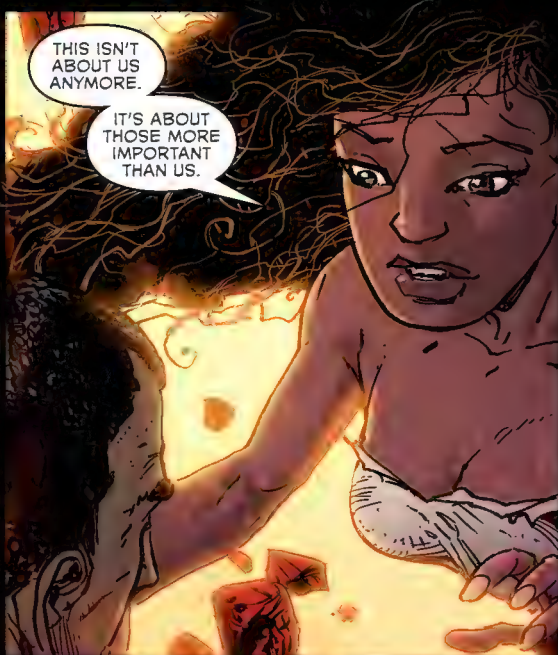
SORRY?

FOR
WHAT?



AND I'LL
ALWAYS BE
THERE FOR
YOU.



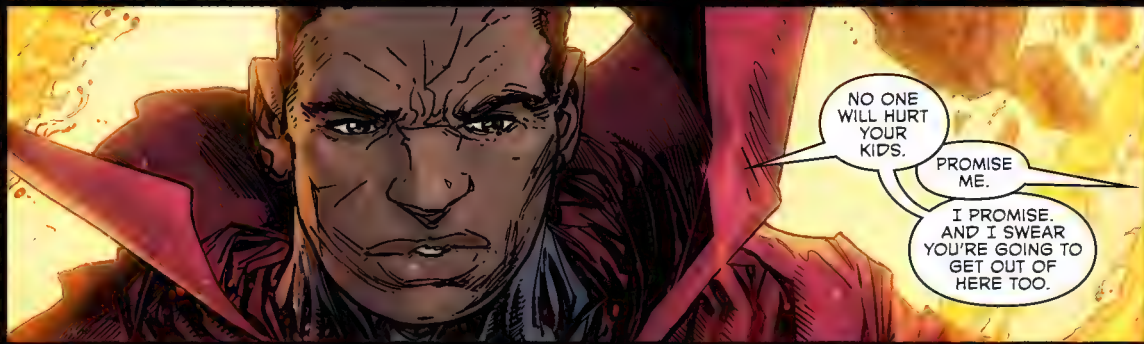


"YOU HAVE TO STOP THEM, AL. I CAN'T GO TO MY GRAVE NOT KNOWING MY CHILDREN ARE SAFE"



"BECAUSE THE EVIL OF HELL WILL GET INTO THEIR LIVES ON A DAILY BASIS, TEMPTING THEM WITH THOUGHTS THEY NEED TO LEARN TO DISMISS."

"IT WILL COME IN MANY FORMS"



NO ONE
WILL HURT
YOUR
KIDS.

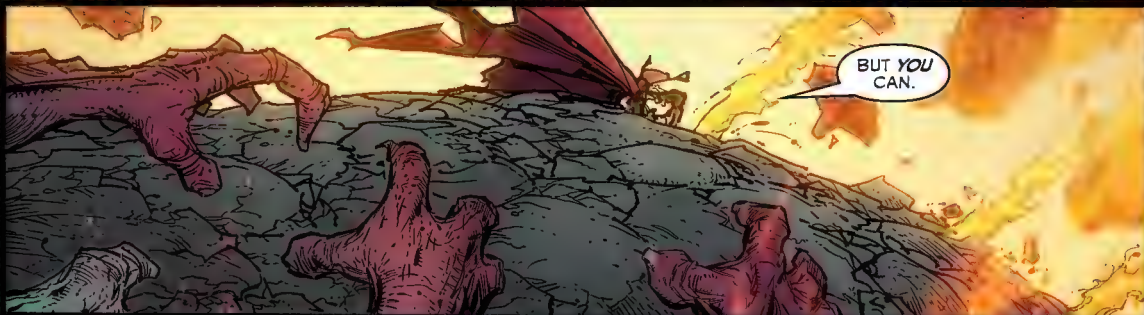
PROMISE
ME.

I PROMISE.
AND I SWEAR
YOU'RE GOING TO
GET OUT OF
HERE TOO.

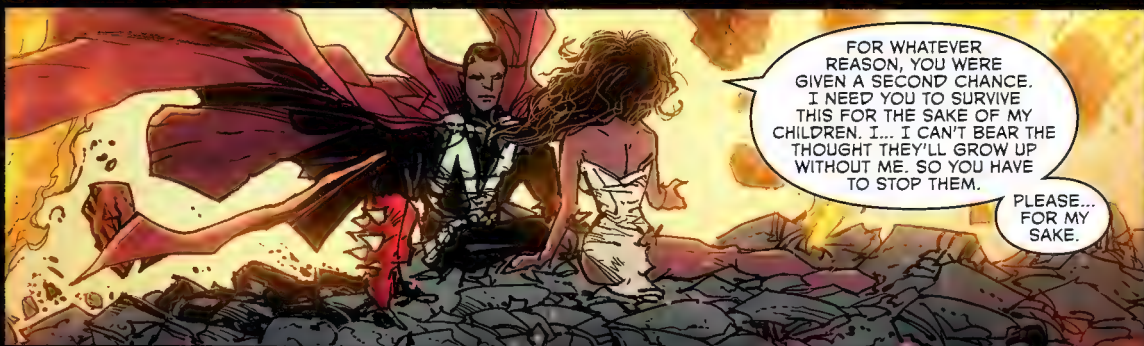


AL... I'M DEAD.
I UNDERSTAND THAT
NOW. FOR A TIME THEY
HAD MY MIND MESSED
UP WANTING ME TO
BELIEVE SOMETHING
DIFFERENT. BUT
IT ISN'T.

I CAN'T
GO BACK. YOU
KNOW THAT.



BUT YOU
CAN.

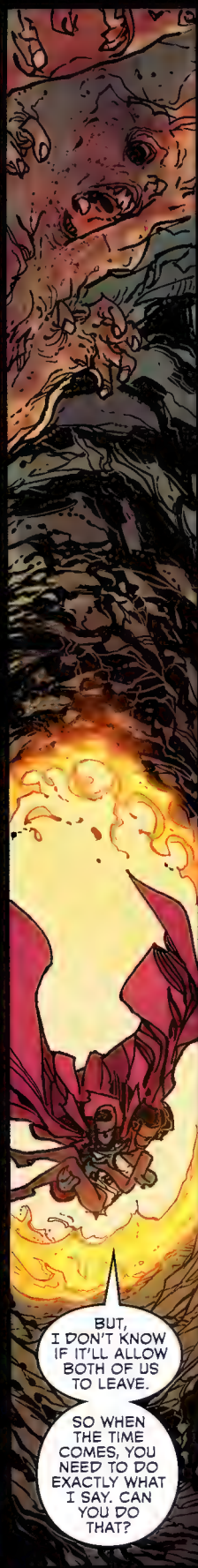


FOR WHATEVER
REASON, YOU WERE
GIVEN A SECOND CHANCE.
I NEED YOU TO SURVIVE
THIS FOR THE SAKE OF MY
CHILDREN. I... I CAN'T BEAR THE
THOUGHT THEY'LL GROW UP
WITHOUT ME. SO YOU HAVE
TO STOP THEM.

PLEASE...
FOR MY
SAKE.



"BEFORE IT'S
TOO LATE"





YES. AND I DO TRUST YOU, AL. THAT'S WHY I MARRIED YOU. BECAUSE I KNEW YOU'D NEVER STOP TRYING TO PROTECT ME.

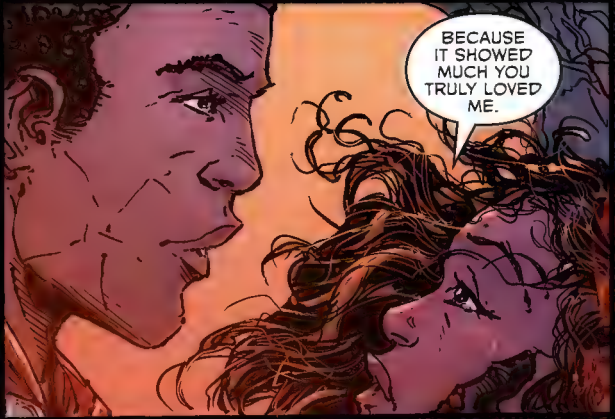
BUT I DIDN'T.

YOU DID.

I KNOW IT MUST HAVE BEEN TORTURE WHEN YOU CAME BACK TO EARTH TO SEE ME WITH TERRY AND OUR DAUGHTER. BUT YOU DIDN'T INTERFERE OR TRY AND STOP THAT. WHY? WHY DID YOU LET ME CONTINUE TO LOVE TERRY?

WANDA. I...

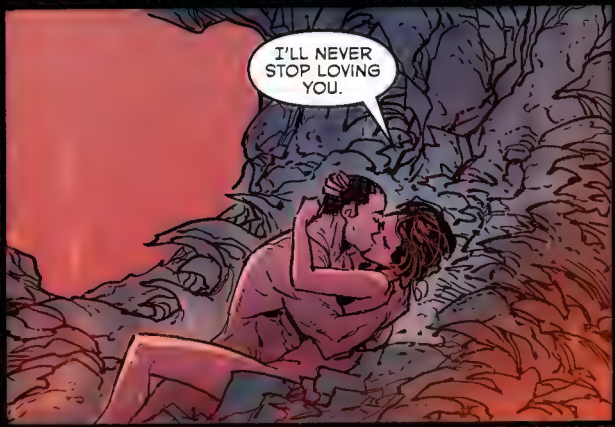
BECAUSE YOU WERE PROTECTING ME! YOU SAW I WAS HAPPY. AND YOU LET ME HAVE THAT. YOU COULD HAVE DONE SOMETHING. ANYTHING. BUT YOU DIDN'T. YOU LET ME ENJOY WHAT I HAD INSTEAD OF TRYING TO DESTROY IT.



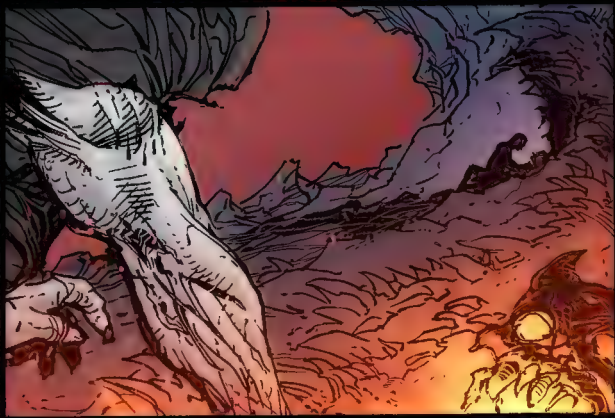
BECAUSE IT SHOWED MUCH YOU TRULY LOVED ME.

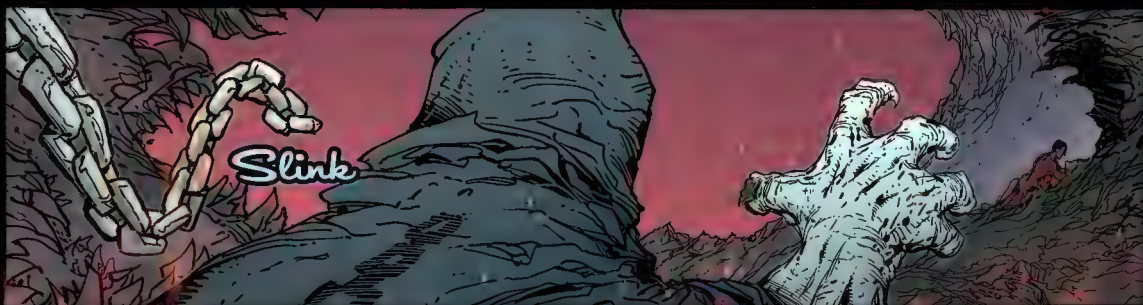


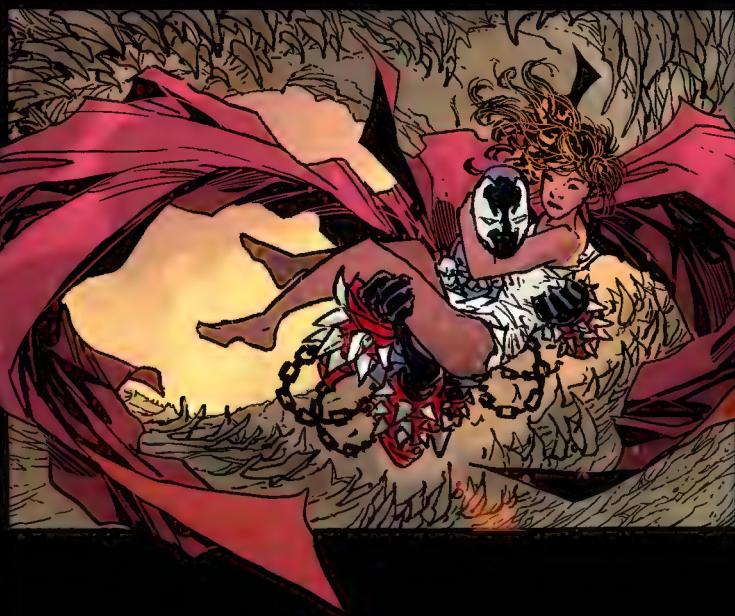
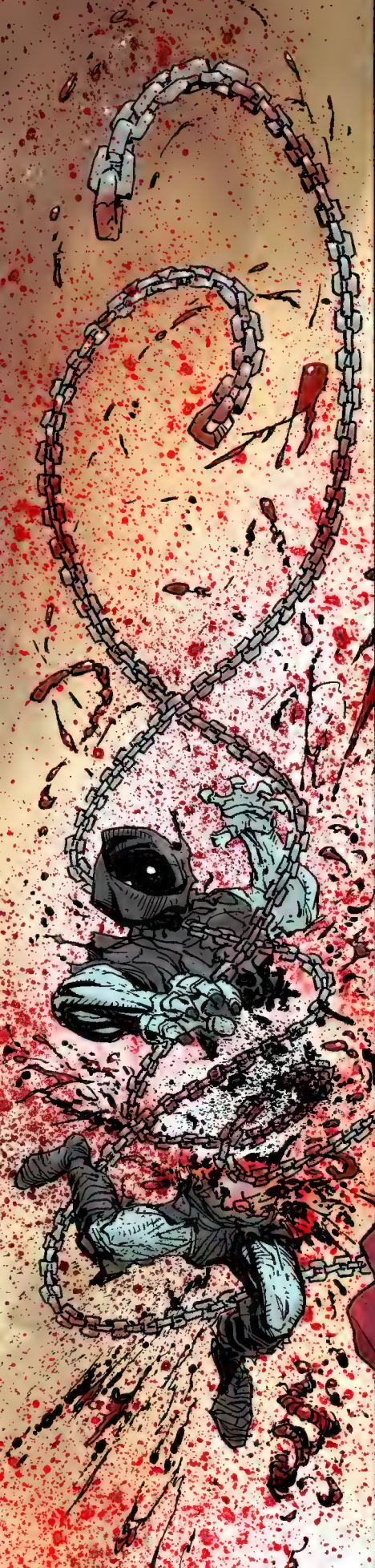
YOU'LL ALWAYS BE MY FIRST LOVE. ALWAYS.

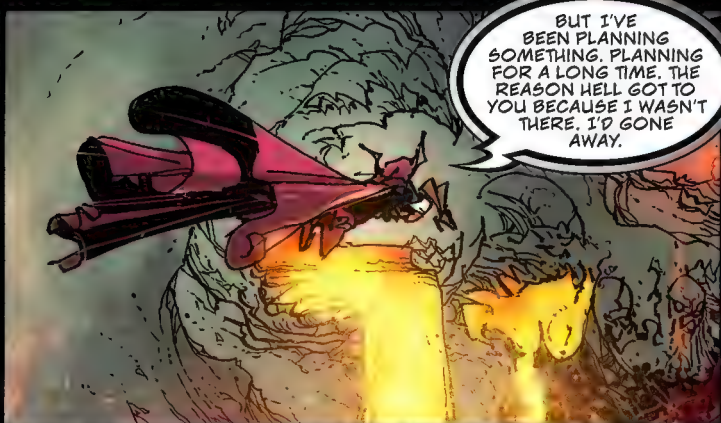
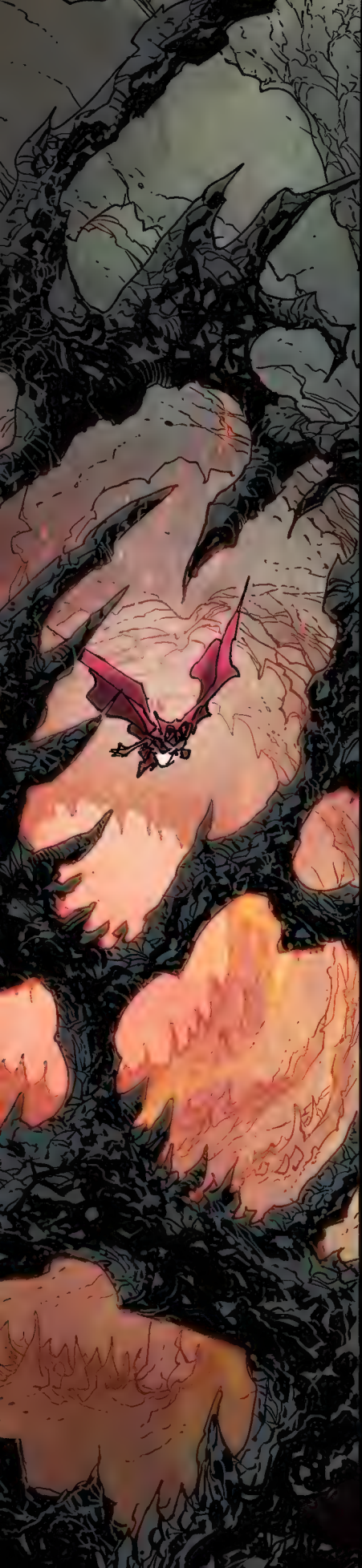


I'LL NEVER STOP LOVING YOU.











* In issue 185, when Al killed himself -- Todd





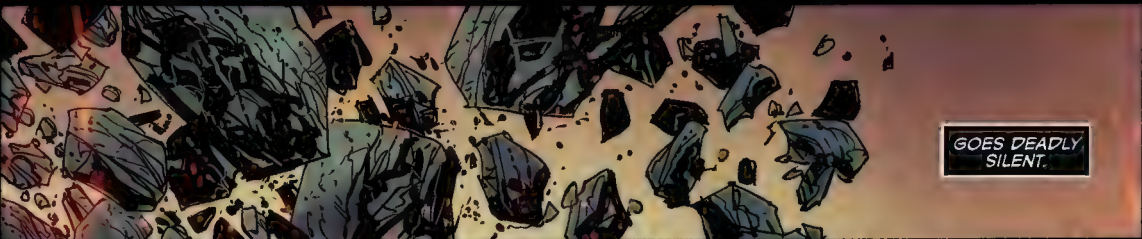
HRRK

BW HOOOM!

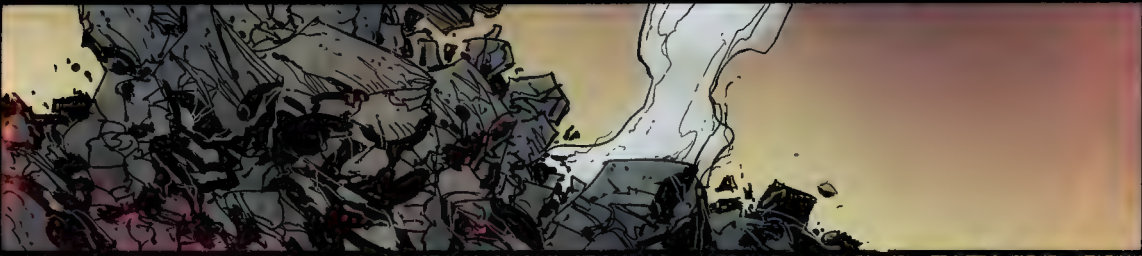


THIS BATTLE.

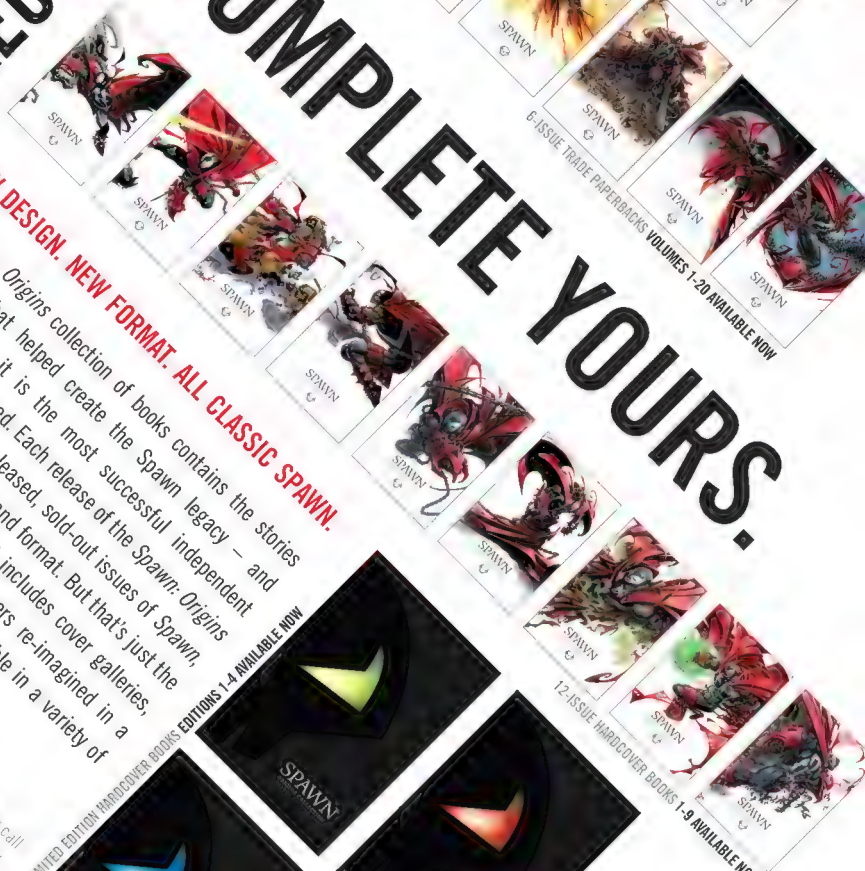
THIS WAR.



GOES DEADLY
SILENT.



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SPAWNING GROUND

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

If you didn't get your "Todd of the Month" calendar on December 31st, head over to Todd's blog, *Toddfather Talk*, at mcfarlane.com to get your desktop wallpaper. Todd will be doing an ORIGINAL drawing every month in 2016 for this one-of-a-kind calendar. You can download it to your computer, or even print it out, and make everyone jealous that you have a cool monthly McFarlane calendar.

This new year brings all kinds of new things for *Spawn*! This is the second part of a four-part story arc called *The Satan Saga Wars*. Todd has only just begun to unveil what the future will hold for Al Simmons! There is so much more to come. In the next few issues Al will be facing off against his most formidable enemy. There is a lot at stake and *Spawn* will have to make a choice that will change his life forever.

2016 is also going to be a HUGE year for McFarlane Toys as well. I wish I could tell you all of the fun, exciting, and new things going on in the toy world, but I'm sworn to secrecy! In February, Todd is taking McFarlane Toys to the NYC Toy Fair where he will be unveiling all the new products for McFarlane Toys for the coming year. If you're a collector, you won't want to miss these reveals! As always, Todd will make announcements on his Facebook, Twitter and at mcfarlane.com.

For this month's *Spawning Ground*, Todd went to his Periscope broadcast for a Q & A with fans. For the unfamiliar, Periscope is a live streaming video mobile app. If you want to follow Todd, his Periscope name is @Todd_Mcfarlane. He's going to be doing a lot of cool things with this app: more Q & A's, drawing lessons, and just showing some fun products and drawings in real time.

Here are just a few of the questions Todd answered on Periscope.

Enjoy!

Shannon Bailey
Publishing Coordinator

Can we expect more *The Walking Dead* toys?

Yes! Of course!

Will you be drawing *Spider-Man* again?

I won't be drawing *Spider-Man* anymore. I did that when I was younger. That's in the past.

Why did you give up staying on *Spider-Man*?

We wanted to start up our own company and do our own things.

How can I get my work seen?

Go to conventions and bring a portfolio of your drawings and inks. I see lots of portfolios at conventions. Another way is to send it to the editors of a comic book company you like.

How did you come up with *Haunt*?

Robert Kirkman, creator of *The Walking Dead* and I came up with it.

Are Sam and Twitch coming back to *Spawn* or in comic form?

I am working on bringing them back in a mini-series, hopefully this year.

Are Sam and Twitch going to be in the new *Spawn* movie?

Twitch is, but Sam is not.

How long will Erik Larsen be on *Spawn*?

As long as he wants! He knows the work it takes to get a monthly comic book done and he's good at what he does. Lookit, he's done *Savage Dragon* for 250 issues and it is still going strong.

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Are you and Greg Capullo going to work together again?

No commitments with Greg right now. He's busy with *Batman* and has a lot of other projects in the works.

How's the *Spawn* movie coming along?

I have about 120 pages of script. I'm ROCKING it right now!

Is *Spawn* a walker?

No. He's made out of Necroplasm.

How are you feeling about the *Spawn* script?

I feel pretty good, but I'm biased.

Who's going to be in the *Spawn* movie?

I have some big name actors that are asking to be in the movie. When I get a decent script, I'll follow up on that.

Why did you stop drawing?

What are you talking about?! I've been drawing all day. I draw every day of my life! Some drawings go to toy designs, comic books or goofy drawings. That's what I do... I am an artist.

Trick question. How many mutant issues did you do?

ZERO! I didn't think that I needed to do Mutants. I thought it was an easy way out and I would've rather take on a character like Spider-Man and do something new with it.

Can you bring back *Shadow Hawk*?

My friend Jim Valentino owns it so you'll have to ask him.

What issue of *Spawn* should I come back on?

You can get all 259 issues digitally now. What's cool is that you can pick and choose what you want. Pick anniversary issues, stories that are relevant to you or an artist or writer you like.

Can I visit your office?

If you are in Arizona...YES!

Do you still buy a lot of baseball memorabilia?

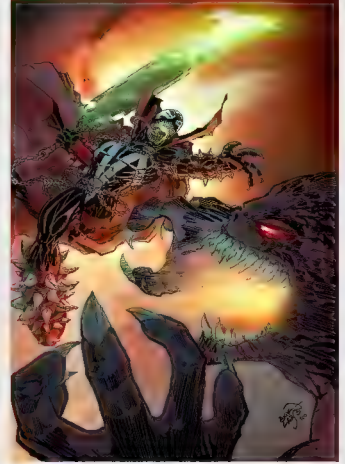
Not so much anymore, but I'm still a stats nut.

How do balance work and family?

Years and years of practice.

How do you get out of a creative slump?

You just have to do it. You have to understand that your work will NEVER be perfect. No single drawing I've done I would say was PERFECT. It's just repetition. Just keep drawing... flaws and all.



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Spawn escapes with Wanda, but Satan won't give up until one or BOTH of them are dead.

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